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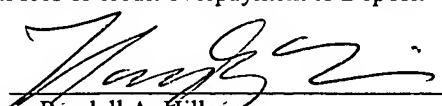
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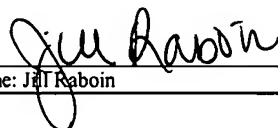
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)); CROSS-REFERENCE FOR DOUBLE PATENTING CONSIDERATIONS**

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Dear Sir:

**I. Issue Regarding Double Patenting**

The Examiner's attention is directed U.S. patent 7,238,285 and U.S. patent 7,160,451, previously cited and listed on the attached 1449. There is some overlap in priority with the present application, and these two patents were brought to the Examiner's attention for consideration with respect to possible double patenting issues.

**II. Additional Prior Art**

With regard to the above-identified application, the other items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign patent and/or a copy of each publication, other than U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications, listed on the accompanying Form 1449 is enclosed.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art."

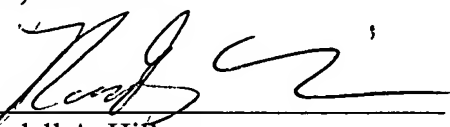
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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